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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 11-14-49

Call letters W G C H  
LOCATION: MARION, ILLINOISGEORGE W. DODDS tr/as MARION BROADCASTING COMPANY (ML 11-30-54)  
xGEORGE W. DODDS (AL 7-25-51, Eff. 8-3-51)

Name of licensee xHARTLEY L. GRISHAM AND GEORGE W. DODDS, d/b as MARION BROADCASTING CO.

Transmitter location On State Highway 13, 1 mile east of Marion, Illinois (Lic. 4-20-56)  
xapprox. 1.2 miles S.W. of center of Marion, Illinois (MP 9-27-55)  
(CP 6-1-49)  
(Lic. 11-14-49)

Main studio location On State Highway 13, 1 mile east of Marion, Illinois (MP 9-27-55)(Lic. 4-20-56)  
x Approx. 1.2 mil. Sw of Center of Marion, Illinois (MP 11-8-49)(Lic. 11-14-49)  
xTo be determined, Marion, Illinois (CP 6-1-49)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BP-6393	6-1-49	1150	500w	Daytime	8-1 2-1-50
CP for a new station. (COND. CLAUSE)					
BMP-4838	11-8-49	1150	500w	Daytime	8-1 2-1-50
Mod. of CP (6393) to change studio loc tion. (COND. CLAUSE)					
BL-3821	11-14-49	1150	500w	Daytime	11-14 5-1-50
Lic. to cover CP (6393) for a new station. (COND. CLA SE)					
BR-2359	4-21-50	1150	500w	Daytime	5-1 5-1-53
(Lic. 12-8-50 correcting station-lic. time for sec. - 4:45 PM)					
(BS-2359	12-8-50	1150	500w	Daytime	12-8 5-1-53 )
BAL-1210	7-25-51	Vol. assignment of license to GEORGE W. DODDS			
Eff.	8-3-51				
BR-2359	4-8-53	1150kc	500w	Daytime	5-1 12-1-55
BAL-1609	11-30-54	Mod. of license to change name to (1) George W. Dodds, tr/as Marion B/Ging Company			
BP-9541	5-11-55	1150	5kw-DA	Day	7-11 1-11-56
CP increase power, install DA-D & new trans. (COND'L					
BMP-6880	9-27-55	1150kc	5kw-DA	Day	7-11-55 1-11-56
Mod. of CP(9541) to change transmitter and studio loca. & type transmitter (COND'L CLAUSE)					
BR-2359	11-9-55	1150kc	500w	D	12-1 12-1-58
BMP-7084	1-11-56	Mod. of CP(9541, as mod.) for extension (1) of completion date to March 15, 1956			
BL-6078	4-20-56	1150	5kw-DA	Day	4-20-56 12-1-58
Lic. to cover CP(BP-9541, as mod.) to increase power; install a new transmitter and directional antenna (DA-D).					
BP-11,412	7-23-57	1150	5kw-DA	Aux. Purpose	9/23-3/23/58
CP to install old main transmitter for auxiliary purposes.					
BL-6925	3-25-58	1150	5kw-DA	Aux.	3-25 12-1-58
License to cover CP(BP-11,412) which authorized installation of old main transmitter (Gates BC 5000) at "On State Highway 15, 1 mile east of Marion, Illi- nois, (present location of main trans.) to be operated on 1150kc, with power of 500w, employing DA-D and for auxiliary purposes only.					



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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Station location

Name of licensee GERGE W. DODDS tr/as MARION BROADCASTING COMPANY (ML 11-30-54)

Transmitter location

Main studio location



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq. (Main & Aux.)	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BR-2359	11-19-58	Renewal	of license		12-1 12-1-61
	11-29-61	Action	on Renewal Deferred.		
BR-2359 CONDL	7-13-62	1150kc	5kw Day DA-D		7-13 12-1-64
			500w DA AUX to		12-1-64
BR-2359	12-9-64	Renewal Main and	of license Aux		12-9 12-1-67
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	1SA	500w		
BR-2359(S)	2-25-71	Renewal (Main &	of Licenses Auxiliary)		2-25 12-1-73
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-2359(L)	12-19-73	RENEWAL OF MAIN & AUX.			12-1-76
BS-2359(L)	6-18-75	ML chg	antenna monitor	(page 2)	
BR-2359(S)	7-16-79	(S)REN. OF LIC.	MAIN & AUX.		12-1-79
BR 790802U (S)	5-30-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			12-1-82



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name HARTLEY L. GRISHAM and GEORGE W. DODDS,  
A Partnership d/b as MARION BROADCASTING CO.,  
(PO Rural Route # 4, Marion, Illinois)

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 Letters New

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-6393 Rec'd Filed	10-14-47	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1150kc Power: <del>250w</del> 500 w Hours of operation: Daytime only Trans. location: 1/4 mi. SW of city limits, Marion, Illinois Studio location: <del>1/4 mi. SW of city limits,</del> Marion, Illinois	Docket # 8708 ing doc. after removal from hear- GRANTED 6-1-49 subj. to cond. that permittee except whatever interfer- ence may be caused to it by grant of the application of WSIV, Pekin, Ill. (DMP-2561)	
	10-16-47			
	10-16-47			
AMENDED	12-14-48	AMENDED to change power from 250w to 500w; change type transmitter (Gates BC-500 D) and change studio location <u>from</u> 1/4 mi. SW of city limits, Marion, Illinois, <u>to</u> Marion, Illinois.		
Recd.	1-26-49			
Filed	1-28-49			



Transmitter-Gates ~~250-C-1~~ BC-500 D)

Fred O. Grimwood, Engr.  
2041 RR Exchange Building,  
St. Louis 1, Missouri



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name

HARTLEY L. GRISHAM and GEORGE W. DODDS, A Partnership d/b as  
MARION BROADCASTING CO.

Letters

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-3821 Rec'd Filed	9-21-49 9-23-49 9-23-49	License to cover construction permit (BP-6393) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.  (Harry J. Daly, Atty. Fred O. Grimwood, Engr.)	GRANTED same cond. as below	11-14-49
BMP-4838 Rec'd Filed	10-18-49 10-21-49 10-21-49	Mod. of C.P. (BP-6393, which authorized a new standard broadcast station) to change studio location from: Marion, Illinois to: Approx. 1.2 miles S.W. of center of Marion, Illinois.	GRANTED subj. to cond. that per- mittee accept whatever interference caused by grant of applica. of WSIW (BMP-2561): re waiver Sec. 3.30(a) to permit identification of location as Marion, Ill.	11-8-49
BR-2359 Rec'd	2-28-50 3-6-50	Renewal of license	Granted	4-21-50



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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GEORGE W. DODDS (AL 7-25-51, Eff. 8-3-51)  
 Name ☒ HARTLEY L. GRISHAM AND GEORGE W. DODDS d/b AS MARION BROADCASTING CO. Call Letters W G C H

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAL-1210 Rec'd Filed	6-18-51 6-22-51 6-22-51	Voluntary assignment of license from Hartley L. Grisham and George W. Dodds d/b Marion Broadcasting Co. to George W. Dodds.	GRANTED Eff.	7-25-51 8-3-51
BR-2359 Rec'd Filed	1-28-53 1-30-53 1-30-53	Renewal of License	GRANTED	4-8-53
BP-9541 Rec'd Filed	10-29-54 11-3-54 11-3-54	Construction permit to increase power from 500w to 5kw; install new transmitter (Gates BC-5B) Cond'l re phase and install directional antenna (DA-D).  Harry J. Daly, Atty. Fred O. Grimwood and Co., Inc., Engr.	GRANTED monitor & non-DA-DA proof.	5-11-55



# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Name **GEORGE W. DODDS**

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Letters **W G G H**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BML-1609 Rec'd Filed	11-17-54 11-23-54 11-23-54	Modification of license to change name of licensee to George W. Dodds tr/as Marion Broadcasting Company.  Harry J. Daly, Atty.	GRANTED	11-30-54
BMP-6880 Rec'd Filed	6-22-55 6-24-55 6-24-55	Modification of construction permit (BP-9541 which auth. increase power: install new trans. and DA-D) for change in antenna-transmitter and studio location from Approx. 1.2 mi. S.W. of Center of Marion, Ill. <u>to</u> 1 mi. East of Marion, on State Hwy. 13, Marion, Illinois and change type transmitter (RCA BTA-5H).  Harry J. Daly, Atty. Ralph Bitzer, Engr.	GRANTED	9-27-55 re phase monitor and DA and non-DA proofs



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FORM BC-121

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FORM A-170

Call Letters WGGHName GEORGE W. DODDS, tr/as MARION BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2359 Rec'd Filed	9-2-55 9-6-55 9-6-55	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-9-55
BMP-7084 Rec'd Filed	1-7-56 1-9-56 1-9-56	Modification of construction permit (BP-9541, as mod.), which auth. increase power; install new trans. and DA-D), change antenna-transmitter and studio location, <del>and change type transmitter</del> for extension of completion date from 1-11-56 to <u>3-15-56</u>	GRANTED	1-11-56
BL-6078 Rec'd Filed	2-7-56 2-9-56 2-9-56	License to cover construction permit (BP-9541, as mod.) which authorized an increase in power and the installation of a new transmitter and directional antenna (DA-D).	GRANTED	4-20-56



FORM BC-121

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FORM A-170

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Letters W G C HName GEORGE W. DODDS, tr/as MARION BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-11,412 Rec'd Filed	7-3-57 7-8-57 7-8-57	Construction permit to install old main trans. (Gates BC 500D) at "On State Highway 13, 1 mile east of Marion, Illinois" (present location of main trans.) to be operated on 1150kc, with power of 500w, daytime, employing directional antenna (DA-D) for auxiliary purposes only.	GRANTED	7-23-57
BL-6925 Rec'd Filed	9-20-57 9-23-57 11-22-57	License to cover construction permit (BP-11,412) which authorized installation of old main transmitter (Gates BC 500D) at (On State Highway 13, 1 mile east of Marion, Ill." (present location of main trans.) to be operated on 1150kc, with power of 500w, employing DA-D and for auxiliary purposes only.	GRANTED	3-25-58



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W G G HName GEORGE W. DODDS, tr/as MARION BROADCASTING COMPANYMARION, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2359	9-18-58	Renewal of license (Main)	GRANTED	11-19-58
Recd	9-22-58			
Filed	9-22-58			
BR-2359	10-30-58	Renewal of license (Auxiliary)	GRANTED	11-19-58
R & F	11-3-58			
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BR-2359	9-1-61	Renewal of License. (Main and Auxiliary)	GRANTED	7-13-62
R. & F.	9-5-61			
			condl re pending final dec. in Doc 14419 respect to pre-sunrise operation with daytime fac., the present prov. of Sec 3.87 of Rules are not extended to this auth. & such operation is precluded.	

F. C. C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.



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MARION, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2359 Rec'd Filed	8/25/64 8/28/64 10/5/64	Renewal of license (Main & Auxiliary)	GRANTED	12-7-64
BR-2359 R&F SEP 19 1967	8-25-67 8-28-67	Renewal of License (Main & Auxiliary) SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION filed as Amendment to Renewal application 8-31-70 (Main & Aux) Pub. Notice 8-31-70 AMENDED 12-2-70 re: programming	GRANTED	2-25-71
BR-2359 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	8-24-73 8-27-73 " OCT 1 1973	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN) AMENDED 12-3-73 re: ascertainment of community needs; commercial policy	GRANTED	12-19-73
BR-2359 R & F	9-27-73 10-1-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (AUXILIARY TRANS.)		



Form BC-121

May 1976

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MARION, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-2359 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-28-76 7-30-76 " <b>SEP 2 1976</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUXILIARY) AMENDED 12-27-76 re: prog.	GRANTED	7-16-79
BR 790802 UU PRESS	<b>SEP 27 1979</b>	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.)	GRANTED	5-30-80



W G G H 3 RECORD OF DENIAL OF INTERMA APPLICATION

Telegram - 11-16-49 Informing station that rules  
no longer provide for STA (Requested auth. to broadcast  
basketball games.

Tele. 10-15-50 To operate after sign off night of 11-7-50  
and early morning 11-8-50 to broadcast  
election returns.

Tele. 1-20-54 To operate from SS ~~KXOX~~ 1-22-54 to SR  
1-23-54 to raise funds for March of Dimes

Tel. 11-5-56 Requesting authority to operate Tues. night  
11-6-56 for election returns.



## About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

